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25X1 25X1A 1. [ ] At the request of Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, Mr. [ ] and I met with him to talk further about the cost of U.S. programs in Laos. Braswell is particularly concerned about the disparity between figures used by Senator Symington at the secret session of the Senate as compared to figures given the Committee by DOD in its budget material. Mr. [ ] reviewed the [ ] explained the procedure that is involved in estimating and approving budget figures for FY 72. He emphasized that the FY 72 figures for irregulars have not as yet been programed by DOD. Braswell said he found this helpful but said it was quite possible the Committee would want to have further testimony from the Administration before the Defense procurement authorization bill is taken up on the floor. He also said that Senator Stennis was rather fuzzy about some of the facts set forth by Colonel White in his budget presentation on Laos and asked if he could have a copy of that portion of Colonel White's prepared statement (Mr. [ ] is checking on this).

25X1 25X1A 2. [ ] Mr. Larry McHugh, Joint Economic Committee staff, called to say Senator Proxmire plans to have his Subcommittee on Priorities and Economy in Government hold hearings on Soviet economic development and military posture this August. He said the Chairman would like to have Mr. Helms or his representatives (he mentioned [ ] as one possibility) appear before the Subcommittee in open session on 9 August to testify on the Soviet economy. I recalled for Mr. McHugh's benefit that the only time a Director of Central Intelligence ever appeared in open session was in JEC hearings in November 1959 and added I thought neither our Director nor our Committee chairmen were anxious for this kind of public appearance. I said I would look into this, however, and be back in touch with him.

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